

DETAILED ACTION

This action is responsive to the amendment filed 9-02-2009, which has been entered.

Claims 1-4 are allowed.

Reasons for Allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art fails to anticipate or render obvious the combination of an support bearing for a roll, and most significantly requires, the bearing comprising a first bush fitted coaxially on pins at the ends of the roll, and is held inside a second bush which has an outer convex surface defining a toroidal surface and is positioned inside a retaining ring of a supporting element, wherein the bearing being suitable to rotate, substantially without friction, around a second axis orthogonal to the first axis of the first bush, wherein in that the first bush has at least one axial helical groove on the outer surface and the second bush has one or more substantially axial longitudinal grooves on the inner surface.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marcus Charles whose telephone number is (571) 272-7101. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30 am to 6:00 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ridley Richard can be reached on (571) 272-6917. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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